Corn referendum

Passed by vote of 173 to 96

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The corn referendum was passed last week by a vote of 173 to 96. This permits the establishment of a commission to handle the one-quarter of a cent on each bushel of corn sold in Virginia. The exception is sweet corn, popcorn and ornamental corn.

Funds produced in this way will be used for market development, education, publicity, research and promotion. It is estimated that approximately $70,000 will be generated by this commission.

With passage of this referendum, there are now ten commodity commissions with similar purposes operating in the Commonwealth.

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Information on small grain varieties should have been received by all farmers this week. If you did not receive one and would like a copy, call or come by.

We believe there are some new wheat varieties that offer an opportunity for increased yields.

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I've seen some heavy injury to late corn from the fall army worm. Several companies are attempting to develop varieties that are resistant. Progress is being made. Watch the literature.

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One corn company has announced that they have two varieties of corn with good to high levels of resistant to the first brood corn borers. If you are having a corn borer problem, you should take a look for next year. Resistance to the second brood has been more difficult to obtain but again progress is reported.

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Many corn growers will recall that several years ago we found certain hybrids susceptible to Eradicane. This year there is an indication that Dual may create problems for certain hybrids. Both of these herbicides have a lot to offer. We just need to use them with compatible hybrids. If you plan to use either hybrid in '81, ask your seed dealer about the hybrid tolerance to these herbicides.

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Some tobacco is still in the field. Keep a close eye on insects. In some fields, there is a heavy build up of tobacco flea beetles.

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The October 2 Growth Feeder Cattle Sale has 235 calves consigned from 11 Appomattox herds. Last year, 202 calves were consigned from 8 herds.

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The yearling cattle sale last Thursday had 727 steers that weighed an average of 665 pounds and averaged $70.62 per hundred weight. The 194 heifers weighed 600 pounds and averaged $61.71 per hundred. This compares with 1979 prices of $83.12 for steers and $76.64 for heifers.

The Lynchburg Sale was the highest averaging sale of the four held last week.

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A letter this week to tobacco growers announces the Predictive Nematode Assay Program. This is a program for growers of tobacco, soybeans and corn.

Based on a two-year study, it showed that 88% of Virginia's tobacco acreage received a nematide treatment. The predictive nematode analysis showed that only 45% required a nematocide. Determining whether to purchase and apply a nematicide would save tobacco growers nearly a million dollars.

The study further showed that 92 of the corn acreage should be treated and 592 of the soybeans acreage would be profitable to treat.

We urge you to take advantage of this new technology this fall.

PRECIPITATION	
LAST WEEK	.08
THIS MONTH	.58
THIS YEAR	21.89

Feed Grain

Disaster assistance available

USDA announces grade loan rates for 1980 burley tobacco - The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently released the schedule of 1980 rates, by various grades, for burley tobacco. The rates are based on the average level of support of 145.9 cents per pound, about 12.6 percent higher than the 1979 level, according to Ray Fitzgerald, Administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The rates, which vary according to tobacco quality, range from 95 cents to $1.62 per pound.

Tobacco graded "U" (unsound), "W" (Wet), "No-G" (no grade), or scrap for the 1980 crop of burley type 31 will not be accepted.

Burley tobacco is grown in Kentucky and adjoining states.

Disaster assistance available - Farmers participating in the feed grain program whose corn and /or grain sorghum yields are cut below 60% of their farm's normal yield because of drought or other conditions beyond their control may be eligible for disaster payments.

The following points should be kept in mind if you plan to apply for this assistance:

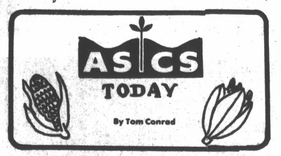
1. If the crop will be cut for silage or abandoned, an ASCS representative must make an appraisal before the crop is destroyed.

2. If the crop will be harvested for grain, it must be kept separate by farm. If it will be commingled with old grain or grain produced on another farm, it must be measured by an ASCS representative before it is commingled.

3. Keep all weight and sales tickets on grain sold. These must be submitted to ASCS as production evidence.

4. Applications for disaster assistance must be timely filed. If grain will be cut for silage, the application must be filed before silage is cut. If it will be abandoned, the application must be filed while evidence of the crop is still apparent. If harvested for grain the application must be filed within 15 days after completion of harvest and while evidence of the crop is apparent.

Any producer who may be interested in the disaster program is urged to contact the ASCS office for additional program provisions and information. **Flue Tobacco** - The next redesignation period for flue tobacco will be September 29 to October 3.



Local agent attending UVA

Ann M. Reynolds, CIC of James A. Scott and Son Inc., is among those who will be attending a school in Charlottesville at the University of Virginia September 16 - 19. The school is a Commercial Property Institute sponsored by the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and The District of Columbia.

Local realtor wins award

Pat Johnson of Appomattox is one of three area realtors awarded the "Level of Excellence Award" for 1980 at the annual awards luncheon of the Lynchburg Board of Realtors' Multiple Listing Service.

Johnson, a realtor associate with Century 21/Gail Boswell and Associates, was recognized along with Bea Walker, also with Boswell and Associates, and Mary Lou Dodge, of Snead-Payne & McCausland.

Johnson and Walker won the award in 1979, and Walker also won the award in 1978.

The Lynchburg Board of Realtors presents the award each year to real estate brokers who earn a minimum of $52,500 in commission for the 12-month period from August to August.

William F. Overacre was chose Realtor of the Year at the awards luncheon.

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Local 4-H'ers win big at fair

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Congratulations to all Appomattox 4-H'ers who took part in last week's Five County Fair. Among the top winners from many participants were Zane Torrence who exhibited the Champion Brown Swiss Heifer, Karen Gilliam who showed the Champion Guernsey Heifer, Glen McClenny who had the Champion Angus Heifer, and Warren Thoma who exhibited the Champion Sheep. Many other 4-H'ers received prizes in classes from field crops to baked goods. The Five County Fair provides 4-H'ers and others with an excellent opportunity to exhibit items which have been made or grown.

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Luann Crain will take part in next Saturday's State 4-H Dog Show to be held in Richmond at the State Fairgrounds. Luann has exhibited in the State Dog Show for the past three years.

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Newly elected 4-H Officers will want to remember the officer training meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, after school at Appomattox Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting is to help new 4-H officers understand their duties and be prepared to accept the responsibilities of a 4-H officer.

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The Appomattox 4-H Teen Leader Club will once again participate in the Historical Railroad Festival in Appomattox October 11 and 12. The club will be selling charcoaled hamburgers in an effort to raise money for projects during the coming year.

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A special meeting of all adult volunteer 4-H leaders will be held next Thursday, September 25, at 7:30 P.M. in the Extension Office to discuss the 4-H commitment to Title Six and Title Nine. All active leaders and prospective leaders are urged to attend. Compliance with Title Six and Title Nine focuses on broadening participation in 4-H through involvement to additional youth.

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Vigo Nielsen

Not your typical small-town doc

The paths by which we arrive at our various destinations are, more often than not, completely unpredictable.

Such is the case with Dr. Vigo Nielsen, Appomattox County's optometrist.

Nielsen is not your typical small-town doctor. Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, the 41-year-old eye doctor has an impressive resume including education ranging from studies in the far east to Indiana, and a long list of writings published in a variety of scientific and educational journals.

How then did Dr. Nielsen come to practice optometry in Appomattox? "Almost by accident," he says. Neilsen took over the practice of the late, much-loved Dr. W. P. Geisler, who passed away last year.

Dr. Geisler maintained practices in Appomattox and in Brookneal, and Dr. Nielsen agreed to continue the services that the late Dr. Geisler had offered. He was at that time located in Charlottesville. In October of last year he began practice in Appomattox.

"When I came down, I didn't know what it would be like in a small town," Nielsen says. "I found that I liked it so much -- the people are so nice, and business is so good -- that I decided that I wanted to locate here for good." He says he and his wife, Judy, and their two children are contemplating buying a home in Appomattox County.

Business has, indeed, been good, according to Nielsen. He notes that he is "having a time" keeping up with all his duties on his current schedule, which places him in Appomattox on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We are currently planning to expand our time here to 2½ days a week," Nielsen says.

Nielsen and his office manager, Delores Hopkins, have recently completed a move to a new location. The optometrist's office is currently located in the office between the Times-Virginian Printing Corporation and Central Fidelity Bank on Main Street.

Hopkins, who served as the late Dr. Geisler's office manager as well, is no stranger to the optometry field. A native of the Lynchburg area, she has been in optometry for 20 years, the past eight in Appomattox. She and her husband, Roy have five children.

Nielsen says he is continuing the excellent service provided by the late Dr. Geiler. "We offer the complete vision examination, assuring everyone who comes in that their eyes are healthy, or if they have a problem, taking the appropriate steps to correct the problem so that they can see well....When a patient comes here, he leaves either with a clean bill of health, or the appropriate treatment so any vision problems can be corrected."

Nielsen adds that a person can be fitted for corrective lenses, including contact lenses, in the local office.

He notes also that he is contemplating adding a blood-pressure check-up as a standard part of the examination.

DR. VIGO NIELSEN [above] is the new optometrist in town. He is shown examining his mother, a resident of Denmark, of which the doctor is a native. He took over the practice of the late Dr. W.P. Geisler, who passed away last year. Dr. Nielsen and his office manager, Delores Hopkins [left], have recently moved into a new office on Main Street, between the Times-Virginian Printing Corporation and the Central Fidelity Band.

Support your boosters

By PHYLLIS M. SMITH

The ACHS Athletic Boosters Club is a non profit organization of Appomattox County and the surrounding County citizens organized to step in and give assistance when our local school system has done all they can.

We are a group of citizens who are concerned about the well being of all our children. Some of the active members of this club do not have children who participate in any school sport; but this club not only supports the sports end of the school facilities, but also extends our time and donations to up-grade the community facilities and supplies as well.

The ACHS Athletic Boosters Club has made the following donations in time and money in the past few years: sponsors banquets for athletes; raised money to build and furnish a new concession stand; new uniforms of all description for all phases of sports (girls & boys); new baseball equipment; donations to band boosters.

The above show only a few of the many hours spent in making possible the best possible for my children as well as yours.

Won't you please join us in our efforts to make your community and school functions a real joy for everyone? With the support of the ACHS Athletic Boosters Club; we try to make it possible for EVERY CHILD to have the same opportunity of participating in all phases of school activities. Won't you please join us?

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Buckingham forest festival set

The first Buckingham Forest Festival will be held Saturday, October 18, 1980 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Buckingham County High School Campus.

The celebration is being sponsored by the Buckingham Ruritan Club to promote the forest industry which is vital to the economy of Buckingham and surrounding counties. Look for green and white bumper stickers on Buckingham cars announcing the event.

Forest related activities are a key factor to the well being of Buckingham County. Eighty percent of the County is covered by timerlands. Twenty-two percent of the area's work force are employed in forest related vocations. Over 298,000 acres in Buckingham County are timerland. Buckingham's forests are being wisely used, with the rate of forest growth exceeding timber harvest by four million board feet for the latest year statistics are available, 1976.

The Forest Festival promises something to appeal to all. Contests planned include cross-cut sawing, bow sawing, axe cutting, chain-saw cutting, log rolling, cigar drowning and tobacco spitting. Cigar drownings have contestants with lighted cigars and fire fighting back packs. Last contestant left with a lighted cigar wins. Both commercial and educational exhibits are being lined up. Companies manufacturing timber harvesting equipment are invited to show their products to Buckingham users. Entertainment from country music to chain saw carving will be on hand. Craftsmen producing wood products are encouraged to exhibit and sell their wares. A variety of food will be available throughout the day. Prizes including a fireplace "wood stove" insert, chain saws, and a truck load of firewood will be given away.

Support for the event has been encouraging. The Virginia Forestry Association is assisting with the preparation. Area timber companies and wood processors have contributed time and money to the festival plans. Additional support is needed. Local businesses and community organizations are encouraged to sponsor the festival activities and join in the fun. Interested persons may contact the festival steering committee: Reverend Jimmy Dunn, 969-4567, Dr. Cary Bryant, 983-2826, or Cary Robinson, 983-3358.

Pork festival set

The tickets for the 1981 Virginia Pork Festival will go on sale October 1, 1980. Tickets will be $12.50 each and will be limited to four tickets per person. Tickets may be ordered by writing to the Virginia Pork Festival, Inc., P. O. Box 1001, Emporia, Virginia 23847.

Ticket sales policy will be as follows, for the 1981 Virginia Pork Festival only: Twelve thousand tickets will be sold. Ticket orders will be limited to four tickets per person. Tickets will be sold by mail only. Tickets will go on sale October 1, 1980. Ticket orders postmarked before October 1, 1980 will not be honored. Ticket orders will be filled on a first come - first serve basis, based on date of postmark. Each person attending must have a ticket. Should a ticket over-order occur, an alternate sales policy will be decided at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Virginia Pork Festival Inc. is a non-profit promotional/educational organization dedicated to the promotion of pork and pork products and to the recognition of the swine industry.

Local girl promoted

Theresa L. Watts, daughter of Alice L. Watts of Route 1, Appomattox, Va., has been promoted in the U. S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Airman Watts is an administrative specialist at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Her father, Sidney A. J. Watts Sr., resides in Spout Spring, Va.

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Book published about academy

The granddaughters of Chapman Hunter Chilton have recently published the records he kept while Principal of Union Academy near Spout Spring, Va. from 1860 through 1874.

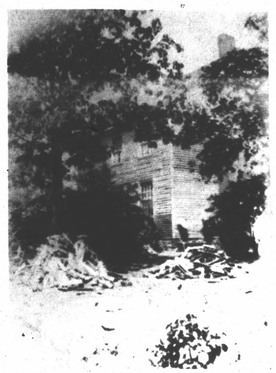
This early school occupied the building pictured, which was erected in 1839 and burned in 1940 while being used as a dwelling house. It was located near the present Spout Spring school building on the Salem Church Road. This is the only photograph of the Academy in existence, so far as is known.

About 250 pupils attended the Academy during the years from 1860 through 1874. Their names and the dates of attendance are listed in the book, as well as the tuition paid. Names of about two dozen parents or guardians are included in the records. An index of the names has been prepared and attached to the book. Also, two advertisements in **The Lynchburg Virginian** for 1839 and 1845 have been quoted in the publication.

Books and other school supplies sold are recorded, including one McGuffey's Speller sold to Addie Hannah for .25c. The dates of beginning and ending of the school sessions for the fourteen-year period are given.

C. H. Chilton was appointed the first Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools when the public schools were begun in 1870, a post he held for almost twenty-five years. He was appointed with the understanding that he could continue to teach also.

An old coat which was worn by Chapman Hunter Chilton while he was school superintendent has been donated to the proposed Appomattox County Museum.



UNION ACADEMY NEAR SPOUT SPRING from 1860 t hrough 1874 is subject of book of records published recently by granddaughters of Chapman Hunter Chilton. The above photo is the only known photo of the academy to exist.

First Aid class set

A class in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care is being planned with the first class slated for Monday, September 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

The three hour class which will run for approximately twelve weeks will be held in the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad crew hall. Instructor for the course is Mrs. Pat Noble.

Interested individuals may register by calling 352-5904 or 352-7451 or attending the first meeting.

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